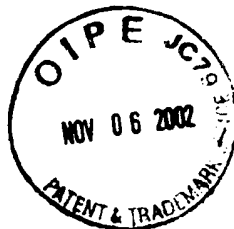


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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated July 2, 2002, kindly amend
the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 8, and amend claims 1, 13, and 14 as follows:

1. An ink comprising about 30-90% ethanol-water vehicle, about 2-20%
dispersant resin solublized by ammonium hydroxide, a component selected from about
2-9% translucent acrylate emulsion or about 2-5% hyperdispersant, about 1-12%
pigment and 0.5-5% defoamer, wherein the ink has a conductivity from about 2800-
9800 μ S/cm.